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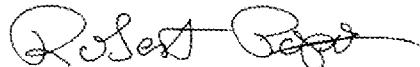
Claims 1-12 are pending in the application and claims 4-6 and 10-12 stand rejected. Without agreeing with the Examiner and solely for the purpose of passing this application to allowance, Applicants have canceled claims 4-6 and 10-12 herein without prejudice and expressly reserving the right to present these and other claims in future related application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his indication of allowability regarding claims 1-3 and 7-9 and submit that, in view of the above amendments, this application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully urge the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

Respectfully submitted,



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